

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

- ☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **ANSWER**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**
☐ **UNTIMELY**

DATE: 6/15/2021

DOCKET #: 2021-806

Ashley Wimberley, Director
Disclosure Division

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Ms. Anne Fitzgerald Famoso
Address: 114 Colonial Drive, Lafayette, LA 70506
Office/Position: Lafayette Board of Zoning Adjustments / Lafayette / Lafayette
of Disclosures/Amendments Filed with Agency: 7
Years Covered: 2015-2018
Final Report: No - 2018 Final Year

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2017 - Amendment
Report ID: PFD18011814
Original Due Date: 5/15/2018
Initial PFD Filed on: 9/25/2018
NOD-amend Received: 8/6/2019-Signed by: Donna Famoso
Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD:8/15/2019
Amendment/Answer Filed: 9/9/2019

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1250
Days late from receipt of NOD: 25
Total days late from initial due date: 482
Late Fee Order Received: 2/2/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 2/22/2021
Waiver Request Received: 2/22/2021

COMMENTS:

Anne Famoso is requesting a waiver for the following reasons:
-She is a volunteer alternate member.
-She resigned as an alternate in 2018.
-She has had problems receiving mail.
-A visiting relative signed for the NOD, then didn't relinquish it to her.
-As soon as she knew of the issue, she resolved it.
-She had the proper information on the disclosure, she just forgot to sign the form.
-This is her first late filing and late fee assessment.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

February 13, 2021

Louisiana Board of Ethics
Attn: Ashley Wimberly
Post Office Box 4368
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

RE: Waiver Request (Report: PFD18011814)

Dear Ms. Wimberly,

Please accept this letter as a request for a waiver for a Late Fee Assessment in the amount of \$1,250. I respectfully ask for the consideration of the Board due to the following reasons:

In 2016 I was appointed as an Alternate Member on the Lafayette Board of Zoning Adjustment. As an alternate, I was called to serve when regular members were unable to attend meetings. I resigned from this volunteer role in January 2018. At the time of my original appointment, I was not aware of the requirement to file a Tier 2.1 Financial Disclosure Statements annually. I first discovered the requirement when a police officer came to my house to serve me a letter about the disclosure, since unbeknownst to me, repeated mail attempts to my house had failed. As soon as I was made aware of the issue, I submitted the disclosure form to my best ability. This began a slow and unclear process that I have been trying to comply with for years now.


On August 6, 2019 I received a Notice of Delinquency that required that I file an amendment – unfortunately, while the information was complete, a signature line had inadvertently missed from one of the pages on my 2017 Tier 2.1 Disclosure. Though sent by Certified Mail, I was not aware of the receipt of the letter as it was signed for by a relative who lives out of state and was visiting briefly to assist with childcare during a very busy transition time with school and work. Again, as soon as the letter was discovered, I called the Ethics Board staff and immediately returned the form. I understand the fine structure for the amendments and would not have waited to return the letter had I known about it. In speaking with staff, I was under the impression that it may not be an issue since an adult in my household didn't sign for the letter, and I did not receive any further correspondence.

I have had repeated issues with mail service in my area. In speaking with Ethics Board staff, I have since been made aware that a first attempt to mail me a letter was sent October 3, 2019 (returned November 12, 2019), and a second attempt was made on June 26, 2020 (returned January 2021). Generally, my family does not handle bills or other important business via mail due to the unreliability (missing mail, misdelivered mail, etc.). I share this sentiment with many of my neighbors. The third letter, which was received, was left in my mailbox with the certified letter signature card attached and unsigned (copy of card attached to this letter).

I humbly ask for your consideration here for a waiver request of the fine. I joined my city's Board of Zoning Adjustment as a way to serve my community in a volunteer capacity for a short period of time, and a fine of \$1,250 is an incredibly significant amount. At this point, I have zero intention of joining a board of commission again. I fully accept responsibility for unintentional errors made on my form, but it is my hope that some consideration of the repeated mail issues and awareness can be made. If possible, I would like to attend the hearing when scheduled.

Thank you for your time. Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions: 337-247-8345.

Sincerely,



Anne Famoso

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SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1.
Anne Fitzgerald Famoso
114 Colonial Drive
Lafayette, LA 70506



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2 Article Number (Transfer from service label)

7020 0640 0000 7987 0103

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature

X

- ☐ Agent
☐ Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)

C. Date of Delivery

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes
If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

3. Service Type

- ☒ Adult Signature **DB**
☐ Adult Signature Restricted Delivery
☒ Certified Mail®
☐ Certified Mail Restricted Delivery
☐ Collect on Delivery
☐ Collect on Delivery Restricted Delivery
☐ Insured Mail
☐ Insured Mail Restricted Delivery (over \$500)

- ☐ Priority Mail Express®
☐ Registered Mail™
☐ Registered Mail Restricted Delivery
☒ Return Receipt for Merchandise
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PS Form 3811, July 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9053

1/27/21 Domestic Return Receipt

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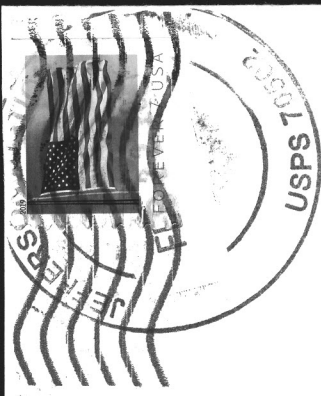
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